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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Economic Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT : Recommendation for Abolition of Subcommittee  
on Population and Manpower

REFERENCE : Memorandum from EIC Secretariat to Chairman  
of Subcommittee (EIC-D-605), 4 January 1966

I. Background

A. Although quite active in the early years of its existence, the Subcommittee on Population and Manpower has been very inactive in recent years. For the past 8 years the Subcommittee has met only once each year to approve the draft of the Subcommittee's annual publication of its agreed Basic Statistics, Population of the Communist Countries, Selected Years, 1938-80, and to exchange information on research activities. In view of this relative inactivity of the Subcommittee and in light of the EIC's current review of its subcommittee structure, the Chairman raised with the EIC Secretariat the question of the desirability of continued formal existence of the Subcommittee. The EIC considered this question at a meeting on 9 December 1965 and directed the Chairman of the Subcommittee to convene a formal meeting for the purpose of preparing a report and recommendation for further consideration by the EIC.

B. At the same time, the Deputy Director for Intelligence of CIA has been reviewing the publications of the Directorate with a view to eliminate, consolidate and simplify. A task force established to review DD/I publications recommended that the task of publishing the annual estimates of population of Communist countries be turned over to the Bureau of the Census. The Bureau's Foreign Demographic Analysis Division, with whom CIA has an external research contract, now prepares the draft of this annual publication of the EIC. The DD/I has, in effect, concurred in the recommendation of the task force and has stated that the EIC would be asked "to consider having the annual report on population of the Communist countries turned over to the Census Bureau."

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C. Pursuant to the directive of the EIC, the Subcommittee on Population and Manpower met formally on 16 March 1966 to consider (1) the question of abolition of the Subcommittee, and (2) the disposition of the annual publication, Population of the Communist Countries, Selected Years, 1938-1980.

## II. Recommendations of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee voted unanimously to submit the following recommendations for consideration by the EIC:

A. That the Subcommittee be abolished.

B. That any ad hoc matters that may come up in the field of population and manpower be referred to the Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis. Representatives of the Departments of Commerce and Labor should be invited to participate in any discussions of such matters by this Subcommittee.

C. That the annual publication, Population of the Communist Countries, Selected Years, 1938-1980, be discontinued. Instead, CIA should continue to publish and disseminate annually the so-called Population Wall Chart. The Bureau of the Census has agreed to prepare the draft of this Chart, as it does now, and to submit it informally for review by competent analysts in the agencies now represented on the Subcommittee on Population and Manpower (CIA, State, Labor, Defense, and Commerce). The published Population Wall Chart will have the following footnote:

"These figures have been agreed to by interested agencies of the Government as representing accurate estimates for past dates and reasonable projections for future dates. They have been constructed by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, and any questions as to sources and methods used should be directed to the Chief, Foreign Demographic Analysis Division, who can be reached on Government code 157, extension 7265."



Chairman  
Subcommittee on Population and Manpower

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